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1. I ENDORSE AMB CLARK'S RECOMMENDATION THAT MINISTER KEITA AND OMVS SEC GEN OULD AMAR BE RECEIVED BY SENIOR STATE AND AID OFFICIALS FOR BRIEF PROTOCOL CALLS DURING THEIR VISIT TO WASHINGTON NEXT WEEK, IN ADDITION TO HAVING SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSIONS WITH AID/W. IF ADMINISTRATOR HANNAH AND ASSTSEC NEWSOM ARE AVAILABLE TO RECEIVE DELEGATION, THEY WOULD CLEARLY BE THE IDEAL PROTOCOL CONTACTS.

2. TWO REASONS RECOMMEND SUCH RECEPTION. FIRST, IT UNLIKELY THAT FOR SEVERAL MORE MONTHS WE WILL BE IN POSITION TO REPLY SUBSTANTIVELY TO OMVS RE OUR INTENTIONS TO PARTICIPATE IN ITS LARGE SCALE FUTURE PROJECTS. SECOND, I KNOW OF NO FURTHER HIGH LEVEL OMVS DELEGATION INTENDING VISIT US IN NEAR FUTURE. THEREFORE, CONSIDER THE EXTRA COURTESIES WHICH WOULD BE AFFORDED BY ADMINISTRATOR AND ASSTSEC NEWSOM RECEIVING THIS DELEGATION TO BE PARTICULARLY DESIRABLE. AS THE MAURITANIANS OFTEN REMIND ME IN RECALLING THEIR PLEASURE AT PRESIDENT NIXON'S RECEPTION OF PRESIDENT OULD DADDAH IN SEPTEMBER 1971,
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THE WAY WE MEET WITH AFRICANS, TO COMMUNICATE OUR FRIENDSHIP

AND INTEREST IN THEIR CONCERNS, CAN BE AS IMPORTANT AS WHAT WE
MAY BE ABLE TO SAY TO THEM.
MURPHY

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